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SUBJECT: Notes from Meeting of 25 May

1. Initial meetings will be directed towards identifying areas of understanding/misunderstanding of the roles and interfaces between technical components.

2. ORD is presumed to support other technical components, and conduct research or exploratory development with considerable freedom: a grey area occurs when ORD activities overlap with those of another technical component.

3. Attention should be given to whether or not we are dealing with symptoms and failing to properly identify basic problems.

4. Series of meetings in the past have been held which appeared to resolve some grey areas between TSD and ORD, but these resolutions appear to have little long-term effect -- why?

5. In addition to the technical areas, there are occasionally administrative activities which provide some irritation.

6. From time to time the potential usefulness of a single Career Service for technical people has been considered, but there appears to be no clear advantage or disadvantage in this.

7. Although it is recognized that ORD could not and should not do all R&D, there is no clear quantitative estimate of the amount of support which may be provided to other components.

8. Pre-planning and a resolution of responsibility prior to committing tasks to Project Officers might serve to reduce interface problems, but the extent to which "top-down vs. bottoms-up" direction might be achieved is not clear.

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1. New Career Service
2. Carl present total R&D budget
3. Disengage
4. New R&D Coord. Cmte